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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 7 $\alpha$ -  
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Examiner: Badio, Barbara P.

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**COMMUNICATION**

Sir:

In response to an Official Action dated August 25, 2009 in the above referenced case, Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal with a request for a one month extension of time on December 22, 2009 making a response due on or by February 22, 2010.

*Requested herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the time of response by two months, up to and including pril 22, 2010.* The USPTO is authorized to deduct the required fees for a two-month extension to Deposit Account No. 50-4205, Reference Number: 2002.712.


Applicant is concurrently filing (in a separate EFS filing) a continuation of the above referenced application. Accordingly, the above referenced application and the continuation application are co-pending.

**CONCLUSION**

f the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below. In the event the United States Patent and Trademark Office determines that other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 50-4205; Reference Number: 2002.712US.

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